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## Making the City Beautiful.

Commissioner Judson, in proposing a  
law that will permit closer regulations  
and more careful restrictions touching  
the character of buildings that may be  
erected on some of the great thorough-  
fares of the Capital, has taken a step  
in the right direction, and we are  
pleased to know that his colleagues have  
given his proposition their approval.It is to be deplored that such regula-  
tions and restrictions were not provided  
and imposed by law long years ago.Washington-to-day is a City Beautiful.  
It is beautiful because it was conceived  
and planned by artistic and aesthetic  
minds and laid out on proper lines, and  
because the government has added to its  
beauty by the magnificent structures it  
has erected and the attractive parks and  
reservations it has created.It is beautiful in spite of hideous  
architecture and grotesque statues in  
evidence in spots, and which constantly  
offend the artistic eye and grieve the  
aesthetic soul.It is high time, indeed, to stop building  
in a haphazard way on those streets  
and avenues and those crowding hills  
that, in the very nature of things, must  
be utilized to the enduring beauty and  
sightly development of the city as a  
whole. The picture is marred to-day—  
sadly marred. Let it not be further  
marred.The principle involved in Maj. Judson's  
proposition is sound and right. Its appli-  
cation will encounter difficulties, no  
doubt, and many of them. It may prove  
impossible, in fact, to apply it literally.  
It is quite conceivable that property  
rights may continue in many instances  
to abound to the subordination of artistic  
and lofty aims. But we believe that  
public opinion and sentiment will be  
behind the proposition in such force as  
to make it effective and of lasting benefit.The Washington Herald supports the  
idea, and supports it heartily.

## A Sign from Heaven.

Strange astronomical conditions have  
always exerted a great influence over  
superstitious people, and the coming of  
Halley's comet will no doubt stir terror  
among all the savage races. Some will  
consider it a visitation portending the  
wrath of the gods, while others may take  
it as a good omen.Lord Crawford, former president of the  
Astronomical Society, fears the coming  
of the strange heavenly body may lead  
to uprisings among the Mohammedans,  
and he warns the British nation to pre-  
pare for emergencies. He has traveled  
widely in Africa and India, acquainting  
himself with the views and beliefs of the  
fanatical hordes of these territories.The coming of Halley's comet will be  
the signal for the agitators, who will  
seize the opportunity to stir up the su-  
perstitious natives, declaring the comet  
a sign from Allah to drive out or ex-  
terminate the Christians. Lord Crawford  
recommends that the governors of the  
British states take prompt measures to  
combat this danger by having placards  
with pictures spread broadcast, explain-  
ing the phenomenon, and forwarding  
the masses against fear of any personal  
danger.One of the elements of self-preservation  
is fear. It is not necessarily a relic of  
barbaric days. Dame Nature is a wonder-  
ful care-taker, and pain is one of the best  
evidences of this. Pain shows us the  
wrong road, and guides us aright. Fear  
or terror is also a guide. It directs us  
along the more wholesome route of life.  
It unconsciously forces us into the path  
of least resistance. By quelling one's  
fears, a good turn has been done. Should  
the British succeed in the recommenda-  
tion made by Lord Crawford, the mil-  
lions of subjects of the empire will be  
the gainers.

## Lifting Illegality's Pall.

Says the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot:  
"North Carolina last year built a new schoolhouse  
for each day of the calendar."Nothing is more splendidly illustrative  
of the South's practical methods of over-  
coming erstwhile depressing conditions  
and the trend of its present ambitious  
endeavor. It is written that God may  
invariably be depended on to help them  
that help themselves, and the South,  
quietly and unostentatiously, has been  
helping itself most worthily and effectively  
of late years in the great work of up-  
lifting the pall of illegality bearing down  
so heavily on certain poor and all com-  
paratively destitute sections.It is a common saying in Dixie now-  
adays that where two or three families  
are gathered together, there also will be  
a schoolhouse and a church—the two  
combined in one, appropriately enough,  
here and there. The injunction "Let there  
be light" is being carried out persistently  
and consistently down South. No part  
of this country spends as much, propor-  
tionately, for the education of its chil-  
dren as the South; and, although the  
work is far, far from complete or yetideally progressing, the workers not only  
are not wearying in well doing, but de-  
cidedly are waxing more and more en-  
thusiastic as they go.North Carolina's record of one new  
schoolhouse for every day of 1909 is an  
honorable one. The State has every right  
to point to the same with gratified pride.  
It means the fitting of hundreds and  
hundreds of boys and girls for future  
citizenship—enlightened, intelligent, up-  
building citizenship. It means the bright-  
ening up of many dark corners into  
which the welcome light of education has  
not heretofore penetrated. Its every sug-  
gestion and hint is of good to come.Whatever may be the results of hook-  
worm crusades and kindred efforts to  
lend a helping hand in the South, no out-  
side assistance counts for one-half so  
much as this help the South is lending it-  
self. It knows its own necessities and de-  
sires in an abundantly greater measure  
than any alien may know them. It may ac-  
cept, with varying emotions, well-inten-  
tioned proffers of foreign aid and sym-  
pathy, but, after all, it is going to get  
the best that comes to it from the great  
work it is doing in its own behalf.

## Mr. Finley's Talk on Washington.

President W. W. Finley, of the South-  
ern Railway, believes that Washington  
should be, and can become, more than an  
official and a residential city. He sees  
opportunities for the development of com-  
merce and industry here that will hasten  
the city's growth and enhance its pros-  
perity, without in the least detracting  
from its attractive characteristics as the  
nation's seat and a desirable place of  
abode.His admirable address before the Com-  
mercial Club shows that he knows Wash-  
ington and has acquired an intimate  
knowledge of conditions. Appreciating  
the magnificent strides it is making, he  
thinks its progress may be doubled by  
giving proper attention to the commercial  
and industrial opportunities offered by the  
city's location and its transportation  
facilities, rail and water. The South, he  
points out, is an especially accessible and  
inviting market for products of light  
manufacture that Washington might well  
supply.He emphasizes that industry and com-  
merce are particularly needed, as in Lon-  
don, Paris, and other capitals, in order  
to provide employment outside of office  
for young men born here whose activities  
are now restricted and who are cut  
off from participation in the larger af-  
fairs of business life.The enterprising business men who  
make up the Commercial Club are sure  
to profit by President Finley's valuable  
suggestions and advice, and are in pos-  
ition to turn the same to practical account.The Dallas News says: "Mr. Vardaman  
could be elected Senator if he would laugh  
just once." Perhaps, away down in his  
heart, however, Mr. Vardaman shares the  
popular impression that to elect him  
Senator would be no laughing matter.Senator Heyburn's attack on Gen. Lee  
has brought about a painful anxiety  
throughout the South, it seems. A num-  
ber of our Dixie contemporaries are quak-  
ing in their boots for fear Senator Davis  
may essay to answer the Idaho man.An Alabama paper thinks Mr. Pinchot  
may be elected Vice President, "because  
of his activity in the matter of forest  
conservation." The idea seems to pre-  
vail in some quarters that Mr. Pinchot  
must be got rid of at any cost.The editor of the Congressional Record  
has a nice little rubber stamp in his  
possession, reading: Mr. Keen: I move  
that the Senate proceed to the considera-  
tion of executive business.""Another new comet has been dis-  
covered by an astronomer in South Af-  
rica," says the Hartford Post. What?  
You did not know that T. R. is an astron-  
omer? And yet it does seem that  
you might have guessed it!Dr. George Brown, a member of the  
Georgia legislature, says his colleagues  
collectively remind him of "a drove of  
Kentucky jackasses." This will likely  
start some tall kicking in Kentucky.The Mobile Register hints at a possible  
"conspiracy to turn Mr. Bryan down in  
the next Democratic convention." Im-  
portant query: Is Mr. Bryan a party to  
the conspiracy?We insist upon being an optimist. Per-  
haps the weather man is merely trying to  
unwind his disagreeable liabilities early  
in the year."The years of youth are far away,"  
sings poet Judd Mortimer Lewis, in the  
Houston Post. Oh, cheer up, Judd! It  
only seems that way because you have  
lived your few years in Texas.A safe and sane St. Valentine's Day is  
too much to expect, of course. The fool  
killer has not been sufficiently active of  
late, we fear.We are beginning to suspect that  
precious few millionaires throughout this  
country are losing sleep for fear they may  
have to pay an income tax some time  
soon."John D. Rockefeller walks through the  
snow for exercise," says the Chicago  
Examiner. Since Mr. Rockefeller is so  
intensely interested in exercise, the com-  
mon people will do well to conserve care-  
fully their supply on hand.After devoting several years' attention  
to other cities, Mr. Lincoln Stephens has  
returned to Philadelphia, and finds it  
every bit as corrupt as it was when he  
left it last. This will in no wise dampen  
the enthusiasm of so ardent a crusader  
as Mr. Stephens, however.Mississippian appears to love Gov. Varda-  
man so dearly that it inclines to keep  
him at home rather than trust him all  
alone in the United States Senate. We  
indulge the hope that this will not render  
Mr. Vardaman at all peevish."There are worse men in the world than  
Joseph Cannon," says the Columbia State.  
Oh, yes; perhaps. But you can hardly  
expect to convince Mr. Victor Murdock  
of that.The sugar trust says it has paid the  
government in the past fourteen years  
approximately \$350,000,000. As this was,  
perhaps, as much as one-third of whatit rightfully should have paid, we should  
not fail to remember the fact next  
Thanksgiving Day.The difference appears to be about  
like this: A Republican is a Republican  
first, although he may be an "insurgent";  
next, a Democrat is an "insurgent" first,  
although he may be a Democrat next.Copenhagen evidences a disposition to  
rub it in, actually!Let none of our "insurgent" friends  
come around pleading later along that  
they did not know that particular Cannon  
was loaded.Running the House of Representatives  
with a set of rigid and more or less un-  
compromising rules would be no harder,  
at least, we should say, than driving a  
pack of wild horses to Sunday school.Mr. Roosevelt wonders if James J. Jef-  
fries can "get into form again." Mr.  
Roosevelt, really, must be possessed of a  
great pity for the fellow who falls to  
keep in fighting trim, anyway.One F. D. Curnutt is credited with be-  
ing "the smartest man in Kansas." That  
is entirely too smart for this world.

## CHAT OF THE FORUM.

## The President's Intentions.

From the Kansas City Star.  
President Taft's excellent intentions ought to be  
of great benefit to the good roads movement.

## Mr. Aldrich's Divination.

From the Indianapolis Star.  
Could Mr. Aldrich tell us right now who will be  
the stand-pat Democratic Senators from Arizona and  
New Mexico?

## Mr. Bryan's Diagnosis.

From the Charleston News and Courier.  
Mr. Bryan says there is too much water in the  
rainbow, but we are sure he will not make the  
same objection to the Panama Canal.

## When Greek Meets Greek.

From the Nashville Tennessean.  
If John Sharp Williams and ex-Gov. Vardaman  
should ever meet in the United States Senate,  
Peace would look like an understatement.

## Senator Heyburn's Mistake.

From the Birmingham News.  
The position of Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, op-  
posing the placing of a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee  
in the Hall of Fame at Washington is another  
illustration of an aggravated attack of middle-  
browism.

## All Mapped Out.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.  
The Republican programme is to keep the Payne  
law on the statute books as long as the Dixie  
law lingered there, and then—it is found nec-  
essary to amend it—to renege it again as  
the Dixie law was revised.

## Has Large Imagination.

From the New York Tribune.  
Representative Burleson, of Texas, is predicting a  
Democratic majority of 10 in the next House. A  
man with such a talent for prophecy ought to be  
recognized. His true place is at the head of the  
Democratic Congressional Committee.

## Mr. Gordon—Poet and Hero.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.  
Senator Gordon, a member of Congress, is  
said to be known as "Bratling James," yet he  
stands self-convinced of being a poet. He says  
President Taft a volume of his own verse! He is  
also a hero.

## Advice to a Congressman.

From the Atlantic Globe.  
To Congressman Dan Anthony, greet-  
ing: Why not become an insurgent? The  
attacks on old Joe Cannon are unfair,  
untrue, and disgraceful, but if it is  
a fact that the people have him down  
and are sitting on him, why should you  
go down to defeat with him? Why not  
howl for a square deal as loudly as  
Victor Murdock?Why quarrel with the in-  
surgents? Why not join them? If you  
and leave a vacant pedestal that will  
proclaim the fame and place of Lee more  
loudly than any statue ever cast, and  
that at the same time will give more  
evidence that there are those who would  
still keep sectionalism alive, in whose  
hearts the fires of hate are still burning.

## What Virginia Might Do.

From the Baltimore Sun.  
Virginia had no hesitancy or doubt in  
selecting George Washington and Robert  
E. Lee out of all the vast company of  
her illustrious sons. No one worth con-  
sidering has questioned her choice. If  
those who have control of Statuary Hall  
do not choose to admit Lee to the United  
States Capitol, Virginia can, with the ut-  
most dignity, reserve the statue of Lee  
and leave a vacant pedestal that will  
proclaim the fame and place of Lee more  
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